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Command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) to change hands

FORT POLK, La. - Command of Fort Polk's 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) will change hands at 10 a.m., Thurday, May 3, during a ceremony at Honor Field off of La. 10.

During the ceremony, Colonel John M. Moore will relinquish command to Col. Gregory Watt, who's most recent operational assignment was with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) as the Senior Advisor, Military Transition Team (MiTT) to the 6th Iraqi Army Division for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Moore, who has commanded the brigade since June of 2005, is leaving to join the Multi-National Force – Iraq, as the Chief of Staff of Strategic Operations.

The 1 CSB (ME) is a self-sustaining command and control headquarters for multi-functional battalions and has the flexibility to support a wide variety of missions based on mission requirements, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available, time available, and civil considerations (METT-TC).

The public is invited to attend.

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Media representatives are welcome to attend and cover this event. Please call Samantha Evans at 531-4630 to coordinate access on to Fort Polk.

## Col. Gregory Watt Bio:

Col. Gregory Watt, a New York native, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the State University of New York with a Regular Army commission.

Watt began his career with the 3d Battalion (M), 41st Infantry, 3d Brigade, 2nd Armored Division (Forward) at Garlstedt, Federal Republic of Germany; where he served as a Bradley Rifle Platoon Leader, Battalion Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader, and Headquarters & Headquarters Company Executive Officer.

Following the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he was reassigned to the 3rd Battalion (M), 41st Infantry, 2d Brigade, 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. While there he served as the Battalion Motor Officer, a Bradley Company Commander, and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander. He then moved to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA.

Watt was assigned to the 4th Infantry (M) Division, where he served as the Chief, plans and operations (G3) Training; Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion (M) 22nd Infantry; and Brigade Operations Officer, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Watt was reassigned to the United States Pacific Command in Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, where he served as the Executive Assistant to the President, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Waikiki.

Watt commanded the 2nd Battalion (M) 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood then went to the National Training Center as the Senior Mechanized Infantry Battalion/Task Force Trainer then as the Assistant Chief Of Staff, plans and operations.

Watt's last assignment was as the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) as the Senior Advisor, Military Transition Team (MiTT) to the 6th Iraqi Army Division for OIF 05-07.

Watt is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms, Services and Staff School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Forces Staff College. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Business Administration from the State University of New York at Fredonia and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri. Watt is married and has one child.